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SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

ANNOUNCES

AN OPEN-COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

EXAMINATION # 807

WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, Saratoga County. The results of this eligible list will be used to fill vacancies as they occur under the jurisdiction of the Saratoga County Personnel Department.

SALARY: Operator \$45,000

LAST DAY TO FILE IS MAY 26, 2010

DATE OF THE EXAMINATION IS JUNE 26, 2010

NOTICE: **RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS-HANDICAPPED PERSONS:** If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

RESIDENTS: Candidates must have been legal residents of New York State for at least FOUR month immediately preceding the date of the written test. Pursuant to subdivision 4a of Sec. 23 of the Civil Service Law, preference may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of the municipality to which the appointment is to be made for at least FOUR months preceding the date of the written test.

APPLICATION FEE: A mandated examination fee of \$7.50 has been imposed by New York State on all Municipalities under the jurisdiction of NYS Civil Service beginning October 1, 1989 for each separate numbered examination for which you apply. However, the "Saratoga County Legislative Board" passed a resolution to absorb this fee for all Saratoga County Residents only. All other applicants must submit the \$7.50 fee for each exam that they apply for. Please make checks payable to the **Saratoga County Treasurer's Office**. All examination fees are non-refundable.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER: A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement. A copy of this document can be obtained from the Saratoga County Personnel office.**

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This is routine but important work involving responsibility during a shift for the efficient operation and maintenance of a Water Treatment Plant with facilities for the application of chemicals to the water, such as chlorine or chlorine compounds, chlorine-dioxide, chlorine-ammonia, fluoride compounds, or the process of dechlorination. The work is performed under general supervision of an operator qualified to be in charge of the operation of the plant. Supervision may be exercised over subordinate employees in the performance of their assigned duties.

OPERATOR MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State high school equivalency diploma; completion of an appropriate course of instruction approved by the Commissioner, Department of Health; not less than one year of satisfactory experience in the actual operation of a Water treatment plant, or any similar process.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Eligibility for the proper license for plant size at time of appointment.
Possession of the appropriate level New York State driver's license at the time of appointment.

THE WRITTEN TEST will be designed to measure knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **Mechanical Aptitude** - These questions test your ability to identify and understand how basic mechanical instruments such as motors and gears work.
2. **Safety Practices** - These questions test your knowledge of basic safety practices.
3. **Tools and Reading of Scales and Gauges** - These questions test your ability to recognize or identify basic tools and their common uses and to make accurate readings of various types of dials, scales and gauges.
4. **Elementary Chemistry and General Science** - These questions test your knowledge of basic processes and concepts in chemistry and general science.
5. **Understanding and Interpreting Written Material** - These questions test how well you comprehend written material.
6. **Basic Mathematics** - These questions test your ability to use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve basic arithmetic problems that might be encountered in water and wastewater treatment plant operations. Questions may also involve the use of fractions, decimals, averages, and percents.

ELIGIBLE LIST: A candidate's eligibility begins when his or her name is placed on the eligible list and continues for a minimum of one year.

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: "UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED, CANDIDATES ARE PERMITTED TO USE QUIET, HAND-HELD, SOLAR OR BATTERY POWERED CALCULATORS.

Devices with "typewriter Keyboards," "Spell Checkers," "Personal Digital Assistants," "Address Books," "Language Translators," "Dictionaries," or any similar devices are **prohibited**. **Calculators are recommended.**

SECTION 243-b Provides that any member of the armed forces of the United States who had duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination, but was deprived of the opportunity to compete in a scheduled competitive examination due to active military duty be provided with a special military makeup examination

SECTION 85a OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW: In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established

VETERAN CREDITS: For the purpose of claiming veteran credits on a Civil Service examination, an applicant must have served in the armed forces of the United States at any time during the following periods:

World War II—December 7, 1941 to and including December 31, 1946

Korean War—June 27, 1950 to and including January 31, 1955

Vietnam Conflict—February 21, 1961 until May 7, 1975

Lebanon – June 1, 1983 – December 1, 1987

Grenada – October 23, 1983 – November 21, 1983

Panama – December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 to the end of such hostilities (not yet determined)

- For hostilities in Lebanon, Grenada, and Panama, the individual **must** have received the Armed Forces, Navy, or Marine Corps expeditionary medal.
- Beginning January 1, 1998, the NYS Constitution allows members of the US Armed Forces who are on active duty (other than for training purposes) the right to request **extra War Time Veterans Credits** on civil service examinations prior to discharge.

If you are currently on active duty, you may request the addition of veteran's credits to your examinations score. You must request the extra credits on your examination application in the space provided. If you pass the examination, the credits will be added automatically. To use the extra credits at the time of appointment you must have received an honorable discharge, be a US citizen, and be a resident of New York State. The extra credits can only be used for one NY local Government permanent appointment.

SECTION 23.2: This entire examination is prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations which deal with the rating of examinations will apply.

APPLICATIONS: You may get application forms by writing, downloading from our web site @ www.saratogacountyny.gov, phoning #885-2225 or by calling in person at the Saratoga County Personnel Department, 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Time and place of the examination will be mailed to approved candidates one week before the date of the examination.

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